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Dear Sirs,

This letter is a comment regarding the possible expansion of Low Power FM services nationwide. It is my understanding this if this frequency is expanded as proposed that there is a strong possibility that existing radio services may be eliminated or otherwise removed from my service area.

My family and I are regular listeners to an existing frequency, 89.5 K-LOVE, here in El Paso, Texas that would be affected by this change. I would be very frustrated by this change if the FCC did not also offer an alternative solution at no additional cost to this radio station so that they could continue to broadcast in my area. This station is a fairly "low budget" operation which has a great impact on our community.

K-LOVE is the single source of information regarding several special interests that I and my family enjoy and need throughout the day. K-LOVE serves our community by regularly broadcasting announcements regarding scheduled events in our area that otherwise we would have no way to learn about. This station also provides information otherwise very difficult to find regarding national news and events not available by any other means in our area.

This station also serves as a great source of encouragement to my family and to the community in general in contrast to the very negative media found on television and radio elsewhere. It sounds corny, but it's really a "bright spot" in our day compared to the negative and discouraging news bombarding our airwaves everywhere else across the radio dial.

The effect of removing this service in our area would be to remove a very positive influence in our neighborhood. This station provides services that inspire our community to extend a helping hand to each other and to live less selfishly. This station has also been a source of personal encouragement to myself when I've been frustrated dealing with people in my community. In a real sense, this station has made me a better citizen and in my circle of influence, has made my community a better place to reside.

It would be very hard to replace this station with another service. There are plenty of talk shows that claim to be providing community service but in the end are dry, dull and ultimately discouraging. We need more services like K-LOVE in our area. I would hope that the FCC would recognize the need for stations like K-LOVE and would not impose changes that will ultimately force them off the air. Listener supported radio does not have the financial resources to match government supported stations or commercial stations. This station and many like it will be forced off the air completely if they are forced to change their technology without a viable affordable alternative.

Sincerely,

Christopher Licking